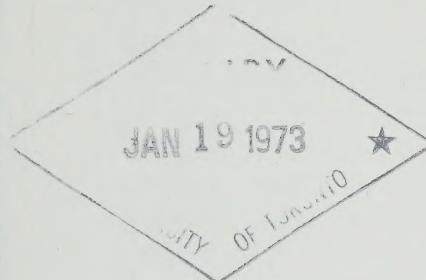


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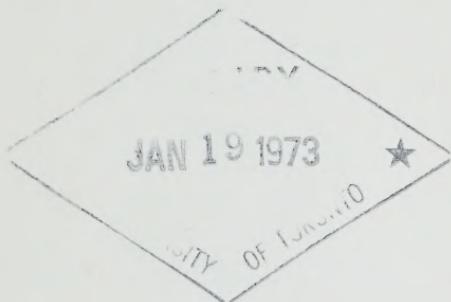
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OPEN BURNING

IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, DO NOT OPEN BURN leaves, grass, stumps, fallen trees, trash, crop stubble and other materials.

OPEN FIRES CAUSE AIR POLLUTION. Their smoke and odors can aggravate respiratory conditions, soil property, reduce visibility and generally lessen enjoyment of property.

THERE ARE OTHER ALTERNATIVES. Depending upon the nature of the materials involved, they can be buried, composted, set out for municipal collection or taken directly to a local dump or sanitary landfill site.

IF YOU MUST BURN, FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES to keep your fire from becoming an air pollution problem. All air pollution complaints received by the Environment Ministry's Air Quality Branch are investigated and corrective action can be taken when necessary under The Environmental Protection Act 1971.

- Burn only dry materials. Don't burn petroleum products, plastics, rubber or anything else that will cause excessive smoke or fumes.
- Keep fire at least 500 feet from a dwelling.

GUIDELINES

- Burn less than a cubic yard of material at a time.
- Stay with fire at all times.
- Don't burn on days when rain, fog, or any other weather condition prevents the ready dispersion of smoke.
- Don't burn where smoke will bother your neighbours or blow across roadways and hamper driving visibility. Smoke from open burning has caused several serious traffic accidents in Ontario.
- Check any local by-laws enforced by your fire or police department. If burning above Ontario's Fire Line, follow regulations enforced by the Ministry of Natural Resources (formerly the Department of Lands and Forests).

The Fire Line runs east from Lake Huron across the bottom of Georgian Bay and the top of Lake Simcoe down to Gananoque, then north and west to meet the Ottawa River north of Renfrew.

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